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AMENDMENT & REMARKS ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2008, having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 6, 2009. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 16** of this paper.